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Pastors' Conference

Ministers of all denominations in this vicinity are looking forward to the annual Pastoral Conference to be held under the auspices of the Pacific School of Religion on February 16 to 18. The Earl lecturer this year will be the Honorable Carl J. Hambro, former president of the Norwegian parliament and the League of Nations assembly. There will be two special Earl lecturers, Dr. Halford Edward Luccock of Yale Divinity School, who will give lectures on Preaching and conduct the Homiletical Workshop, and Dr. Anton T. Boisen, visiting lecturer in the School. There will be special interest seminars on the Rural Church, on Mexico, and for Religious Workers on Campuses. Members of the faculty will also offer seminars, as follows: Professor Bennett, "The War and Christian Theologies;" Professor Buckham, "Re-interpretation of Divine Fatherhood;" Professor McCown, "The Reign of God and our Social Chaos." Professor Muilenburg, "Biblical Insights into Post-War Perplexities;" Professor Williams, "Christian and Democratic Thinking;" and Professor Wornom, "Training for Christian Living in a Pagan World."

TO SERVE THOSE IN SERVICE

That sailor, that soldier, or marine walking down the street, eating Sunday dinner with you or enjoying the services of a hospitality house where you contribute time or money or both, is a duplicate of your son, brother, or husband, who may at this very moment, if he is in the service, be enjoying the comradeship of others in a hospitality house, the books and games which your gifts made possible, or sitting in his barracks or walking the streets in desperate loneliness.

Army and Navy chaplains, Y workers, and a countless number of volunteers give heroically of their time to help keep the boys happy and morally and spiritually fit. But without that dollar which you have put away for a treat for yourself they can do little. From November 1, 1941, to December 1, 1942, $30,236.32 was given by the Congregational Christian Committee for War Victims and Services for work in service camps, defense industry areas, and aid to chaplains. It seems a lot, but remember Washington speaks of an army not in terms of a few thousands but of millions. To match this huge force of men many more thousands must be given for the work.

If the boys do without, it may be because you have failed to do your share. For the sake of your own boy or your neighbor's boy, who may at this moment be enjoying the fruits of others' thoughtfulness, give—even though you may have to dig deep for that extra dollar.

WEST BAY P. F. RALLY

The Campbell Congregational Church was the scene of an enthusiastic Pilgrim Fellowship rally on Sunday, January 31. The district young people with their leaders gathered at five o'clock. They enjoyed a box lunch together, followed by a song fest, led by Mr. C. P. Klassen, music instructor of Campbell. The speaker of the evening, Dr. Mary F. Cushman, distinguished missionary physician from Africa, was introduced. She spoke of her childhod home in Massachusetts, her medical practice in this country, and of her nineteen years of work in Portuguese West Africa. The audience of approximately 150 persons, mostly young people, were most appreciative and found the evening all too brief.

COMING

Northern California is particularly favored in having a return visit by Rev. George W. Shepherd, famous missionary to China and intimate friend of Generalissimo and Madam Chiang Kai-shek. It will be remembered that in four brief days, several years ago, more people in our territory heard him than had heard any Congregational missionary speaker in the same length of time within the memory of man. Superintendent Gill, who has just returned from the Mid-winter Meetings, will at once make the schedule with the cooperation of the Laymen's Commission, but at the present time it cannot be announced.

CONGRATULATIONS

Rev. Tom Watt and Mrs. Minnie S. Ware were united in marriage on January 31 at the bride's home, Rev. Pierson Parker of Berkeley, North Church, officiating. Mrs. Watt was a former member of the Williams Community Church, where Mr. Watt served as pastor for ten years prior to his coming to Park Church.

CUSHMAN SCHEDULE

Dr. Mary F. Cushman, for 19 years a medical missionary in west Africa, is making a visit to the Pacific Coast, telling her story and showing slides in many of our churches, including Palo Alto, Alameda, San Leandro, Sacramento, Oakland Plymouth, Berkeley North, Pittsburg, Berkeley First, Pacific Grove, San Jose, Saratoga, San Mateo, Lodi, San Carlos, and San Francisco Grace United. In addition, she is addressing Pilgrim Fellowship rallies at Campbell and Port Chicago. Dr. Cushman will leave for the Southern Conference on February 15.

The Missionary Education Movement will hold its annual conference this year at San Anselmo, California, from July 28 through August 2. Registration fee will be $2.50; room and board (two in a room), $13.00. Themes of study: Home, "Minority Groups." Foreign, "Christian Ventures in Learning and Living." An excellent faculty, including our own Rev. Augustine Jones, will be present. Each church should plan now to send at least one delegate.

THE STORY OF CONFERENCE FINANCE

Yes, it was a gain, but that is all that can be said. Through most of the year apportionment receipts from the churches had been running well ahead of 1941, but the pace was not maintained to the end. Several churches disappointed us. Others, perhaps, had been more prompt in their remittances in the early months of the year (a procedure altogether to be commended). Nevertheless, it was a gain, adding one more to the steady procession of years in which this Conference has increased its missionary giving: 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941, and now 1942.

The statistics given herewith are for moneys received through the Conference treasury for regular budgeted apportionment only.

The distribution of undesignated money is according to the regular percentages adopted by the Conference at the annual meeting, viz., Foreign Missions, 22 per cent; National Home Missions, 21 per cent; Council for Social Action, 3 per cent; our own state Conference, home missionary and ministerial relief work, 54 per cent. There are designated gifts coming frequently which are forwarded to the organization named by the donor without deduction or equalization.

The distribution of the money which cleared through our Conference treasury for 1942 is as follows:

For the American Board (Foreign Missions)	$ 7,793.18
(This is a loss for the year of $1,180.27 and is due to two factors. In 1941 there were two gifts to the Board amounting to nearly $700.00 that were not repeated in 1942, and in 1941 one heavy contributor in one of our churches designated all of his pledge to the Board, while in 1942 it was distributed according to the regular percentages.)	
For the Board of Home Missions, including the Council for Social Action	8,546.27
(This is a gain for the year of $623.62.)	
For our State Conference and State Home Missions, including Ministerial Relief	20,759.13
(This is a gain over 1941 of $716.44.)	
Total for State, National, and Foreign Work	37,098.58
(This is a gain of $159.79 over 1941.)	

There are two notable factors in our regular giving in Northern California. First, the amount contributed by our Pilgrim Fellowship to their projects, which are included in the totals above set forth and particularly noted in another column. Secondly, the very large Thank Offering or Plus Gift from the women of our Federation, also included in the above figures, and which are tabulated church by church elsewhere in this issue.

There were during the year a number of individuals and churches that sent money directly to the national Boards. Preliminary figures available, subject to correction, show a total of $1,736.00 of such additional gifts. This would bring our grand total up to $38,834.00. The gifts of our German churches, much larger than ever before, are not included in the totals set forth but will be noted in a special article. This will bring our grand total still higher.

For the Congregational Christian Churches of the United States there was a gain of about $56,500, or a little over 4 per cent. In addition, very substantial sums were given to three special appeals: to War Victims and Services, $256,616.83; to the Unit Plan for the Original Plan Annuities, $133,317.71; to the Christmas Fund for aged ministers and ministers' widows, $80,391.70.

Northern California gave to the Committee for Assistance to War Victims and Services $6,206.91, about 2¼ times as much as in 1941. Although getting a very late start on the Unit Plan, due to the death of the man originally named to head up the campaign, Northern California gave to the Unit Plan, up to the time the books were closed on January 11, $1,964.37. More money is still coming in to the hand of Mr. N. F. Sanderson of Martinez, who has done such splendid work in such a short time.

Coupled with all of this is the cheering news that many local church budgets are in better shape, salaries of ministers are being increased to meet the higher cost of living, debts are being wiped out and a more hopeful spirit manifest. All of this indicates that in spite of heavy obligations and high taxes our people are determined that their church and its services to the world shall not suffer.

For Parents Today

Let us get all of the parents in our communities thinking and reading and talking about the war and the post-war interests of the American family—about their own individual families and wartime influences—about the best ways to safeguard family life and its values. Let us all read together!

Probably your local library (perhaps your church library) already has a special shelf of books for parents, perhaps there is a loan library which will be glad to add such a section. Talk to your librarian—find out what books and magazines are available—suggest additions.

You, Your Children, and the War, by Dorothy W. Baruch (Appleton-Century Co., $2.00) is a most helpful and stimulating treatment of the wartime problems of children, young people, and adults. It is written from the point of view of a psychologist.

What the American Family Faces (Proceedings of The National Conference on "Counseling in Marriage and Family Life in a Time of Stress," published by **The American Family** Magazine, $3.50.) This volume contains the steno-type report of the Conference held last August. It is to be released very soon. It should be of vital importance to parents, educators, pastors—to all who are interested in preserving our American family life.

The American Family Magazine (141 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago. $3.00 yearly.) This is a new monthly magazine for home living. Its aim is to help Americans find the quick, intelligent answers to wartime personal and family questions—its editorial staff is made up of recognized authorities. And, the first three issues are excellent!

There are two pamphlets that deserve a place on a "parents' library shelf." They will answer many questions that help point the way toward solution of many wartime problems. One is **Children in Wartime** (published by the Child Study Ass'n, 221 W. 57 St., New York City). The other is **Parents in Wartime** (published by the Children's Bureau in Washington).

—The Conference Religious Education Committee.

DAILY DEVOTIONS

Fulfilling a long-time promise, the Commission on Evangelism has published a new daily devotions booklet for three months, the first in the series being entitled "Daily Devotions—Winter 1943." Dated to begin January 1, this helpful little booklet is priced at four cents per copy. It is recommended for private devotions, and a message on the inside cover indicates that chaplains are using the booklet with men in the armed forces. Copies are available through Pacific Book Service, 1164 Phelan Bldg., San Francisco, or through the Commission on Evangelism in New York.

FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER

The Fellowship of Prayer for the Lenten Season of 1943 has again been prepared by the Rev. Gaius Glenn Atkins, and will be available very shortly for distribution. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, March 10. There is also a booklet of **Lenten Devotions for Young People** prepared by Rev. Ralph Douglas Hyslop. Copies of either of these Lenten booklets may be secured, at 2 cents per copy, through Pacific Book Service, 1164 Phelan Bldg., San Francisco, or through the Commission on Evangelism in New York.

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CLOSE, BUT OVER

What happened to that comfortable increase that was manifested throughout the year 1942 over 1941 right up to the very last? At each report, we were at least $700 ahead, but when the final figures were totaled on January 11 the gain was so small that it gave us a real fright. Some churches fell down noticeably, but in some cases the situation was unavoidable; others gained markedly. In general, the churches were more regular and prompt in their remittances in the early months of the year.

A good many churches adopted the goal suggested by the Conference three years ago, and those that reached that goal are indicated by an asterisk (*). Other churches set their own goal, and those that reached or exceeded the same are indicated by a dagger (†).

The figures for the churches include Pilgrim Fellowship project gifts but do not include women's Thank Offering. The Thank Offering is not credited to the churches, but is included in the item "Miscellaneous Gifts." However, in another column due credit is given to the churches for the Thank Offering.

Now we must look forward to the new year. The first church-by-church report will appear in the March issue.

	1942	1941
Adin	$ 23.12	$ 46.56
Alameda	801.45	754.90
Alturas	46.75	30.13
*Angels Camp	152.59	152.00
Antioch	61.68	70.22
*Auburn	133.07	117.50
*Benicia	50.00	50.00
*Berkeley, Chinese	50.00	50.00
† First	5,147.59	5,194.52
Kensington	20.00	.....
North	659.95	707.57
* Park	85.99	81.08
Callahan	.....	5.13
†Campbell	355.00	310.00
Cedarville	100.00	100.00
Cloverdale	94.26	82.45
*Cotati	104.65	74.11
*Crockett	118.24	101.95
Etna	5.32	6.85
*Eureka	444.22	405.00
*Fairfax	60.00	50.00
*Ferndale	472.33	405.62
Fowler	.....	20.00
†Fresno, First	1,142.69	1,275.00
* Japanese	35.00	35.00
† Pilgrim	262.47	231.92
* Zion	75.00	50.00
Glen Ellen	10.00	20.00
Grass Valley	25.00	25.00
*Guerneville	20.00	16.00
Hayfork	.....	5.00
*Hayward	230.00	238.00
Kenwood	39.50	23.00
*Lodi, First	1,393.76	1,282.89
Loleta	3.51	.....
*Loomis	82.94	82.80
Martinez	401.43	431.25
*Murphys	83.00	81.00
Niles	50.00	60.00
*Oakland, Bethany	50.00	50.00
† First	5,400.00	5,005.00
* Fruitvale	65.00	56.28
Japanese	10.00	15.00
Pilgrim	49.47	52.41
* Plymouth	1,000.04	1,025.63
Oroville	75.00	100.00
Pacific Grove	217.37	252.64
†Palo Alto	1,285.45	1,750.00
†Paradise	250.00	204.00
Parlier	15.00	10.00
*Penngrove	57.40	51.32
*Pescadero	5.00	2.50
†Petaluma	725.00	758.97
Pittsburg	181.39	189.61
*Port Chicago	11.22	18.50
*Porterville	370.00	360.00
*Redwood City	1,000.00	963.02
Reedley	.....	5.00
Rio Vista	150.00	150.00
Ripon	201.00	206.00
Sacramento	980.20	993.88
*Salida	85.00	65.00
*San Carlos	113.34	100.00
San Francisco—		
Bethany Mission Pk.	307.43	372.39
* Calvary	30.00	.....
Chinese	25.00	25.00
First	1,428.34	2 114.25
* Ocean View	65.00	63.65
Richmond	125.00	135.00
†San Jose	710.00	800.00
San Leandro	123.81	116.02
San Lorenzo	.....	20.00
*San Mateo	925.00	900.00
*San Rafael	60.00	60.00
Santa Cruz	714.26	789.00
Santa Rosa	174.75	155.25
Saratoga	598.53	565.82
Sebastopol	259.65	204.78
*Sonoma	121.02	115.88
Soquel	100.00	101.72
Stockton	718.30	712.87
*Suisun	110.00	89.10
*Sunnyvale	65.50	44.17
Sunol	25.00	25.00
*Tulare	517.50	505.00
*Weaverville	142.00	140.00
*Woodside	90.00	86.00
*Reno, Nevada	525.89	529.99
Miscellaneous (including Thank Offering and Individual Gifts)	3,999.21	3,150.69
	$37,098.58	$36,938.79

PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP PROJECT GIFTS

For the first time The Pacific is printing a church by church list of the Pilgrim Fellowship gifts for their projects. Below are the figures for the calendar year of 1942. These items are included in the totals of the several churches in their regular benevolences, found in another column, but they are set out here separately so that the young people may see what they have accomplished.

There is one matter that may cause some confusion. Part of this money was pledged at the summer conference in 1941 and part of it was pledged in the summer of 1942. Some of it was paid before the Conference fiscal year ended on March 31 and part of it since that date, but the figures herewith are for actual cash received during 1942 regardless of when the pledges were made. Because these figures include portions of two fiscal years the distribution may not be quite in accordance with that now in effect. Nevertheless, the amounts allocated are as follows: to the Northern California Congregational Conference, for Plymouth House and Calaveras County, $283.74; to the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, for the support of Albert Faurot, $171.13; for the Board of Home Missions, for Pleasant Hill Academy, $180.79.

Alameda	$ 5.00
Angels Camp	2.50
Benicia	5.00
Berkeley, First	125.00
Campbell	5.00
Eureka	10.00
Martinez	10.00
Murphys	2.00
Oakland—First	50.00
Fruitvale	5.00
Plymouth	15.00
Petaluma	5.00
Porterville	10.00
Redwood City	50.00
Sacramento	10.00
Salida	10.00
San Carlos	5.00
San Leandro	5.00
San Mateo	20.00
Santa Rosa	7.50
Saratoga	20.00
Sonoma	5.00
Stockton	5.00
Tulare	17.50
Weaverville	15.00
Miscellaneous	216.16
Total	$ 635.66

SANTA CRUZ. Thirty-five members were added to the roll in 1942, and 30 were removed, ten of them by death. The pastor, Rev. H. S. Mahood, reported more than 3000 official calls during the year, some 1900 being on the sick and bereaved. Fifty-eight weddings were performed and 107 funerals conducted. At the annual meeting, special honor was paid to Ernest Otto, who has served as clerk of the church for fifty years, and who was re-elected to that office for the new year.

BERKELEY, CHINESE. Using as his theme "The Life of Christ Through the Gospel of Mark," the pastor, Rev. Ivan Y. Wong, spoke on the following topics during January, "The Beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ," "Temptation of the Spirit," "Fishers of Men," and "The Plea of Evil." The church has an enthusiastic basketball team, though the induction of a number of young men into the armed services has left gaps in the team as well as in other departments of the church.

SAN FRANCISCO, GRACE UNITED. Pupils from the Weekday Church School art classes under the direction of Miss Alice English are to display their posters from time to time on the outside bulletin board. The first so chosen has the message "Come all ye people and keep the Sabbath holy." Dr. Mary F. Cushman is to be the first in a series of speakers on "World Friendship," when she visits this church on February 14. Rev. Donald F. Gaylord is the pastor.

FERNDALE. The pastor, Rev. Robert B. Whitaker, writes that the annual meeting showed all bills paid, with a substantial balance in the treasury, and one of the best years they have had in gifts to benevolences. The average attendance for the year at morning service was larger than the resident membership, and there has been a net increase in membership of nine. He says there is a fine spirit of unity in the church and hopes for further growth in the coming year.

SAN JOSE. The church had a very enthusiastically received departure from the usual in a morning service one Sunday in January. There were three addresses by laymen on the theme, "A Free Religion in a Free America." The speakers were Judge M. G. Del Mutolo, representing Catholic laymen, Mr. Herbert Couzin, a Jewish merchant, and Mr. Walter Bachrodt of this church. Rev. Stephen C. Peabody is the pastor.

ALAMEDA. The missionary enterprise had a real hearing in this church during the first week in February. Dr. Mary F. Cushman of Africa spoke at a women's tea on the 1st, and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hausske of China were guests at a potluck dinner on the 4th. The pastor, Rev. Ralph Conard, sends out a friendly mimeographed letter to his church family once a month, together with a sheet of news items and announcements.

At a special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Bay Association, Mr. Kenneth C. Kinney of Berkeley North Church was elected President of the Board, and Superintendent Harley H. Gill was re-elected secretary.

BEST YEAR YET

Our German speaking churches made the greatest gain in 1942 in their benevolence giving of any Association in our fellowship. The total for all causes, which includes support of their own German Conference, their theological school, and their missions in South America, amounted to $4,293.60. Their giving to the apportionment for the American Board and the Home Board totalled $2,189.75 as against $1,024 in 1941. These gifts do not come through the Northern California Conference treasury, but will be included in the Year Book. Church by church list for their apportionment giving to the American Board and the Home Board is as follows:

Biola	$339.05
Dinuba	66.30
Elk Grove	167.52
Fresno Cross	693.09
Fresno Zion	274.56
Lodi Ebenezer	406.69
Sanger	81.60
Miscellaneous	160.94

In addition, the Fresno Zion Church gave to the Northern California Conference $75. Congratulations to our German brethren!

TULARE. A recent sermon by the pastor, Rev. Arthur L. Rice, on "The Will to Happiness" was printed in the local newspaper and copies were sent to all the church's men in the service, this being one of a series on "Living Under Stress," which has brought forth unusual interest and attendance. The monthly church night programs are well attended, over seventy being present for the January dinner, who enjoyed the exceptional kodachrome views of the Rockies presented by W. E. Cunningham, instructor in the Rankin Aeronautical Academy.

LOOMIS. At the annual meeting and dinner, which was an occasion of good fellowship, gratifying reports revealed that all obligations for 1942 had been met, and that the Ladies' Aid and the Sunday School are in good financial condition. The church voted to raise the pastor's salary for 1943. During the year four loved members had died and their loss is keenly felt in church and community. War work has also taken many active members, but those left are carrying on in faith. Rev. E. P. Shier is the pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO, FIRST. Rev. Jason Noble Pierce, pastor, continues to preach on the general theme of "Scientific Religion," recent topics being "The Best Peace," "Have You Divine Strength?" "The Inner Kingdom," "Admit the Facts," "Faith Before Victory," and "Getting Rid of Self-Concern." On one Sunday evening the Camp Ashby Military Police Singers presented an "Old Fashioned Negro Spiritual Feast." On the following Sunday evening Frederick and Sylvia Christian spoke on "Around South America," showing an all-color movie.

OAKLAND, FRUITVALE. The reports at the recent annual meeting showed that all departments of the church are in a healthy condition, all debts and bills paid, with a balance in the bank. Officers were elected and a program discussed, which, if carried out, should make for a very prosperous year. The special services held in January will continue through February. The Scottish Order of Clans and the Ladies of Glencoe visited one Sunday service, one hundred in the group. Rev. J. B. Orr is pastor.

CAMPBELL. Rev. J. H. Bennett, the pastor, reports a fine beginning for the new year, with the addition of four new adult members and over 30 per cent increase in financial support. Group work is soon to start on "Thinking out the means of a true and lasting peace." A publicity secretary has been added to the Board as well as a Secretary to write to the Service men of the church and to take care of the War Victims' fund. The new organ is almost paid for.

RENO, NEVADA. "Neighborhood meetings," one of which is scheduled for each neighborhood represented in this church, are being conducted, one each week, until the whole parish is covered. Young people of the HI-X Club have addressed batches of cards to Service men of this church and made them available to anyone who cares to write words of greeting and church news to the boys. Rev. William M. Case is the pastor.

EUREKA. Children of the church school have sent books and other materials suitable for kindergarten age children for use in the Poston, Arizona, Japanese Relocation Center. "Christian women in overalls," is the friendly nickname bestowed upon women of the Plymouth Club who have undertaken to assist the Pilgrim Fellowship in completing the Sunday School Building project. Says the pastor, Rev. C. H. Hudson, "What the Plymouth Club undertakes, it completes."

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

OAKLAND, FIRST. The Women's League tried a new plan at the January luncheon, which was so successful that it was adopted for the duration, each person bringing her own sandwiches, dessert and coffee to be supplied by the circle serving, for a 25 cent charge. The annual dinner and business meeting was held on January 24 following the morning service. Books were balanced, showing all bills paid including the benevolence budget in full. Ninety new members had joined the church during the year, bringing the membership to 1634. The Red Cross knitting group was credited with 25,000 hours of knitting and the sewing group reported 1150 articles made. The church has been listed as a casualty station for Civilian Defense, being especially equipped for First Aid and hospitalization. Rev. Clarence Reidenbach is the pastor.

CALAVERAS COUNTY. The pastor, Rev. John G. Dickey, due to outside activities was unable to make as many calls as usual during the year, having made 240 over the whole county parish. However, through membership on the local War Price and Rationing Board his acquaintance has grown. He reports that the annual meeting in Angels Camp showed all bills paid with balances in the treasuries of the church, Aid Society, Church School, and Young People's Society. The J.O.Y. Club put on a joint party with Murphys Pilgrim Fellowship group. White Pines now has a community building, in which Sunday School meets regularly, and preaching services every other Thursday as weather permits.

PALO ALTO. The annual meeting was attended by one hundred members of the church, the business session being held in the newly decorated parlors. The Women's Association has purchased attractive carpets and new standing lamps, filling a long felt need. Reports revealed a net gain of sixteen in the membership, and a surplus in the treasury which will be used in helping to rebuild and enlarge the organ. A fund is being created for that purpose. The Service Flag has twenty-five stars upon it, including one gold star. Dr. Mary Cushman gave an impressive address on West Africa. Rev. Augustine Jones is the pastor.

FRESNO, PILGRIM. The annual meeting of the church was held on December 15, with satisfactory reports from the various organizations and election of officers for 1943. A beautiful Service Flag has been dedicated to the one hundred and more boys who have entered the armed services. The Christian Endeavor Society held a well attended "open house" on December 26, and on a recent date was host to a Bible Study Class, on the Epistles of St. Peter, sponsored by the Fresno-Madera C. E. Union and led by the pastor, Rev. H. A. Chakmakjian.

PITTSBURG. The pastor, Rev. Elmer W. Benedict, reports that 1942 was the best for the church financially and otherwise in many years. The Woman's Auxiliary raised over $2200, which was spent in repairs of the parsonage and the church kitchen. On a recent Sunday a large Christian flag was dedicated, the gift of the adult Bible Class. The church maintains open house for soldiers every Friday night, sponsored by different groups.

FAIRFAX. Six new members were received at the January Communion Service, four by confession, one on reaffirmation, and one by letter. Since 1943 will mark the twentieth birthday of this church, plans are being made for a series of celebrations beginning with the annual meeting in January and culminating at the end of April. Rev. William W. Meyer is the pastor.

LODI, FIRST. The pastor, Rev. A. R. Boone, is preaching a series of interesting sermons on "The Bible." During January Quincy Hamilton and Morton Wetmore, two young men who are preparing for the ministry, spoke at the united evening services. At the annual meeting a committee on constitution revision and a committee on repair were appointed. Plans are under way to paint the exterior of the building and to repair the foyer, although the remodeling and redecorating of the sanctuary have been postponed until priorities permit their execution. The Sunday School has purchased a library for the use of its teachers. Nine Lodi churches are uniting in a Leadership Training School for church school officers and teachers. This group of churches will also join in a week of Home Visitation Evangelism during March.

TRINITY COUNTY. During the absence of the pastor, Rev. P. N. Bennett, Mrs. Bennett spoke at the church service on one Sunday and Judge C. A. Paulsen on the following. Mr. Bennett brought his young son, who is suffering from paralysis, to Pasadena where he will receive clinical treatments and also attend school. The annual dinner and meeting at Weaverville was held in the parish house, with good attendance and optimistic reports. All obligations were met in full, with a balance in the treasury. The Ladies' Aid had a splendid year having a gross income of about $750. Though the population of the county has been cut in half the worship services of the church go on with fair attendance.

OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH. Despite the repairing and redecorating work which precluded the use of the sanctuary, the women of this church were hostesses to the fine annual meeting of the Federation of Congregational Women. For the second year, the annual church meeting was held on a Sunday noon, directly after morning service. Excellent reports came from the various departments. A new choir for children and youth has been started, with 52 young people attending the first rehearsal. At the Women's League meeting February 4, Dr. Mary Cushman gave an address on "Life Begins at 50." Rev. Robert Inglis is pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO, OCEAN VIEW. A well-attended annual meeting heard encouraging reports from all departments, particularly with regard to finances. Plans are under way for the painting of the exterior of the church and the parsonage, and for renewing fences and roofs which suffered from the recent windstorm. February pot-luck dinner program was under the direction of the newly-organized young married couples' group. Mr. Eugene Sill is the pastor.

ELK GROVE, GERMAN. Rev. J. F. Reister, pastor, has succeeded in straightening out the records of the church, which shows a membership of 72, with average morning attendance of 62, evening 44. The Sunday School has 83 enrolled. The church raised $328.00 for missions. The largest amount that had ever been given before was $73.00.

SAN FRANCISCO, CALVARY. Two young women were received into membership on confession of faith in January. Each Sunday morning prayers are offered for the 17 boys from this church who are in the nation's Service. Rev. V. B. Amirkhanian is the pastor.

SARATOGA. Dr. Mary F. Cushman was guest speaker at the pot-luck dinner on February 10. A parent-teacher tea was held early in the month to find methods of mutual assistance. Rev. Fred R. Morrow is pastor.

BERKELEY, FIRST. The annual meeting, held on Sunday, January 17, directly after the morning service was "the finest meeting the church has ever had," according to some of the oldest members. Average attendance during 1942 was 614, the highest since 1935. The College of Life for students and adults, which meets on Sunday morning, has had Dr. Charles Stanley, Miss Mary Coxhead, Miss Isabel Hemingway, and Dr. Raoul Auernheimer as its speakers during the month. Dr. Mary Cushman of Africa, and Dr. George M. Stratton have given the evening radio addresses in addition to those of the pastor, Rev. Vere L. Loper. Numerous letters from Service men testify to the value of the Service Men's Center at Plymouth House.

FRESNO, FIRST. Nearly $450 has been sent for War Victims and Services in the past 12 months. The entire service on February 3 was devoted to this project when the pastor, Rev. John H. Gregg, spoke on "Religion in Action." Two units in the Unit Plan have already been purchased by members of this church, and further purchases are expected. The year 1942 was closed with all bills paid, money in the treasury, the 1943 budget completely underwritten, and evidences of progress in all departments. After a month's recess, the Sunday Evening Forums have been resumed with an even greater attendance than in the past. A series of outstanding personalities have been secured for the Forums this spring.

REDWOOD CITY. The annual dinner and presentation of reports revealed an exceedingly fine and well balanced year, with an increased cash reserve (soon to be converted into War Bonds); continued improvement of the property so as to render it more serviceable for the regular church work as well as the increasing calls for patriotic uses; and over $1500 (a new high) contributed for benevolences and war relief. Nearly 40 per cent of the past year's attendance was of men. Peirce Coombes, key layman, is now chairman of the Northern California laymen's group. A vote of appreciation was given to Rev. and Mrs. Charles E. Ward and to their three sons, who are in war service.

PORT CHICAGO. The pastor, Mr. Sherwood Wirt, reports that the condition of the church is better than ever. At a trustees' meeting it was decided to raise $200 by Easter, "as this year's attack on the annex debt." This, together with substantial amounts from other organizations and individuals, will give "visible evidence of a deepening spirituality" in the church. The annual meeting showed a good increase in the Sunday School, fine activity by the Ladies' Aid, and lots of spirit in Pilgrim Fellowship. Chaplain Victor H. Morgan will be a speaker at the next Men's Club meeting.

OROVILLE. Officers and friends of the church school met at a fellowship luncheon one Sunday in January at the call of the director of religious education, Rev. C. W. Wise. The Ladies' Guild has been very active in providing dinners and luncheons for various groups of the church, including the annual meeting of the church, a special luncheon for the public on January 13, and their own annual meeting.

PORTERVILLE. This church is ahead of its schedule in the payment of the obligations to the Building Society and closed the year with all bills paid and the apportionment met in full. The church has a membership of 400, but because of war activities a good many are non-resident at present. Rev.WillisL.Goldsmith is pastor.

SACRAMENTO. Sixteen new members were received on January 10. For the duration of the war, church school hour is to be the same as the regular church service. At the annual meeting and election, it was reported that the church had finished the year with all bills paid, and had retired over $1200 on building indebtedness. Two women from this church were installed as officers of the Federation of Congregational Women at the annual meeting in January. Rev. Torrance Phelps, the pastor, has announced that February 14 will be observed as "Our Men in Service" Sunday, when each of their families will be recognized as well as the men. Dr. Mary Cushman was guest speaker at the World Friendship luncheon on February 3.

RIO VISTA. This church is in the midst of its Every Member Canvass. Once a month, the pastor, Rev. Edwin T. Sherman, gives a period between 4 and 8 a.m., at the Rio Vista Listening Post. On a recent Sunday 25 members of the Masonic Lodge worshipped at the morning service, and on alternate Sunday mornings 35 State Guardsmen, located in Rio Vista, attend, and a like number come to the open house at the church each Sunday night. Games, community sings, moving pictures, and refreshments are enjoyed. The Pilgrim Fellowship has adopted a constitution and by-laws and will renew its "Charter." A "Winters" sign advertising the church services has been placed near the entrance to the Post Office, where all who come for their mail must pass.

SANTA ROSA. A delegation of five attended the midwinter Pilgrim Fellowship Conference in Oakland, and the young people of this church edited and published the 1943 official Pilgrim Fellowship handbook for Northern California. The college young people's group sponsored a dinner in honor of three young men of the church who were going into the service, including Ernie Taron, second vice-president of the Northern California Pilgrim Fellowship. The three young men were presented with copies of "Strength for Service to God and Country." The minister, Rev. Gordon L. Foster, has recently been preaching a series of sermonic portraits of the Old Testament prophets.

LODI, EBENEZER. Rev. F. W. Gross received appointment as chaplain in the United States Army and then offered his resignation. While recognizing the importance of the work of the chaplaincy, his congregation felt that because of the rapid and tremendous growth more time was needed under his leadership for the consolidation of gains and perfecting of organization. After further prayerful consideration he decided not to accept the appointment, at least for the present, but to remain with the church. As a token of appreciation of his service and as a pledge for further cooperation a substantial increase in salary was voted.

CROCKETT. This combined Congregational and Presbyterian church received a total of 15 new members during 1942, and gave almost $500 toward various benevolent funds. The pastor, Rev. R. W. Caughey, reports that a young couple from the San Francisco Seminary has been secured to help with children's and young people's work.

OAKLAND, PILGRIM. The annual meeting was held at a pot luck luncheon after the church service on January 24. On the following Sunday Mr. Albert C. Hausske, missionary from China, was the pulpit guest. During the month considerable work was done in improving the building. Rev. Harvey V. Miller is pastor.

WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

Edited by Miss Helen M. Perkins

The February meeting will be held as usual in the First Church, Oakland. It will be preceded by a meeting of the Executive Board on Wednesday, the 17th.

ANNUAL MEETING ECHOES

Working under difficulties, the Annual meeting of the Federation was held at Plymouth Church, on Thursday, January 21. It was a one-day meeting only, as previously announced. The first of the difficulties was the weather, which was most inclement, but which failed to intimidate a goodly number of our women. Several had prophesied that we should not have more than fifty present, instead of which there were around one hundred and thirty at the luncheon, with possibly a few more in attendance at the afternoon session. And these members in some cases came from as far away as Fresno. From other towns up through the Valley, from down the Peninsula, from nearer parts of the Redwood Empire, and from Sacramento and Upper Bay Associations, the women came to show their interest in and loyalty to the Federation. In one case, Lodi, when the women could not come, they sent us greetings. We also had greetings from our beloved Mrs. Dennis Goodsell.

Another difficulty was one with which only the women of the hostess church had to contend. When that church gave the invitation for the Annual Meeting, they had expected that improvements being made in the church auditorium would be entirely completed and could be proudly shown to the visitors. Instead of which, as the date for the meeting drew near, it became evident that the auditorium would be completely dismantled and in no shape for a meeting. I contend that a good many of us would have sat down in despair and notified the Federation that it must go elsewhere. Not so the Plymouth women. They had given their word and would not go back on it. So they worked and planned and in spite of all difficulties we were made welcome—warm, comfortable and well-fed. All honor to the Plymouth women!

The first item of business was the report of the Nominating Committee. This will be given in full elsewhere. Some changes deserve especial mention. An unusually large number of changes came in the list of Association Presidents. We were sorry to lose Mrs. John Olmsted of Redwood Empire, Mrs. W. F. Tidyman of San Joaquin, Mrs. Arthur Clarke of Sacramento, and Mrs. E. W. Benedict of Upper Bay. Their work will still be in capable hands, however, as the list shows. There are also changes in the list of officers; we lose with regret our faithful Recording Secretary, Mrs. Clinton Jackson, her place being taken by Mrs. H. S. Gauthier, who has resigned her beloved Thank Offering work to Mrs. W. H. Davis; Mrs. Charles Reider has given up her post as Treasurer, and that office is taken over by Mrs. L. D. Rathbone, whose connection with the Northern California Conference goes back through many years, whose interest in the work has never flagged and whom we welcome again to our midst; lastly, difficulties of transportation has made necessary Mrs. R. M. McClelland's resignation as Social Welfare Secretary and her place is taken by Mrs. Chester Gossett.

After an excellent summary of the reports of the departmental secretaries by Mrs. Verdette Walters, came the election and installation of officers with Mrs. L. K. Doty presiding, and then the President's message. Mrs. Scott Haymond reviewed briefly the past year in the Federation and told of her own coming departure (starting that night) for a meeting of State Presidents in the east, a report on which we shall undoubtedly receive at the February meeting.

Following the appetizing luncheon, Mr. Elmer Benedict, who was "pinch-hitting" for his wife, as he told us, spoke of the vital work being done by the churches and others at Camp Stoneman and vicinity. Then came the reports of the several Associations. All were of interest and all showed the high mark at which the new Association Presidents must aim. Mrs. J. H. McCartney illustrated her report by a corsage, in which she said the stem, supporting it, was the women's work; the bow represented the music and decorations that add so much to our meetings; and the heart of the flower was the devotional life of each one of us. The corsage was then presented to Mrs. Haymond. Two items from Mrs. Tidyman's report were that the German churches, which have not so far affiliated with our Federation, have now decided to do so; and that the Armenian groups are supporting a student in a divinity school in Syria. In all the Associations the churches are engaged in war work of one kind or another.

The address of the afternoon was given by Mrs. J. E. Shnell of the San Francisco American Women's Volunteer Service. Mrs. Shnell emphasized the word Volunteer and stressed the fact that the A.W.V.S. operates purely as an assisting agency. It attempts no job done by other organizations, but holds itself in readiness to help whenever called upon and in whatever way. It cooperates with Air-raid Precaution and Interceptor Command Groups; with salvage groups and Refugee workers (a different kind of salvage); with Red Cross and U.S.O., but in every case only at the request of the organization concerned. It is the one agency, moreover, which has no requirements of age, race, color, or wealth. She gave us much to think of, not least her statement that juvenile delinquency was on an alarming increase—was, in fact, "the most frightening development on the home front."

Among the reports summarized earlier by Mrs. Walters, that of the Reading List Chairman, Mrs. Philip Greisinger, contained so much that was in the nature of a diploma of accomplishment for individuals and churches that it here follows in some detail:

Interest in reading has grown largely. There were 462 individual reports turned in and a total of 2,474 books were read. 17 societies reported, and 12 of these had Honor Roll Members (i.e., members who read eight or more books, at least four of which were from the first three classifications). The churches with Honor Roll members were, in order of rank, Oakland First, Berkeley First, Lodi, Saratoga and Sacramento (tied), Paradise tied with Tulare and Redwood City, Angels Camp and Oakland Pilgrim (tied), Stockton, Ripon. Churches reporting, but without Honor Rolls, were Alameda, Antioch, Berkeley North, Martinez, Salida. The editor is not reporting the number on the Honor Roll in each case, as it stands to reason (or does it?) that the largest churches would have the largest number. A percentage record, if it could be established, would tell the story more fairly. It is possible to see from their position on the list how high some of the small churches came. In these days, when we can do little of traveling or visiting, let us buckle down to reading. Lists may be obtained from Mrs. Greisinger, 1661 Oxford St., Berkeley.

Mrs. Scott Haymond, Federation president, following the promotional meeting at Poughkeepsie, visited Dillard University in New Orleans.

THANK OFFERING

A magnificent achievement! The women of the Federation of Congregational Women of Northern California had the courage to increase their goal for the Thank Offering and to adopt projects which would require more money. Their goal was set at $2,000.00 and they went over the top by nearly another hundred. Their projects were: For Rural Work in Africa under the American Board $400.00; for a portion of the salary of a nurse in the Hospital at Grants, New Mexico (Board of Home Missions), $250.00; Conference projects, Trinity County $720.00 and Children's Work in the San Francisco Mission District $300. This left $330 as a contingent item. When the goal was achieved and more, it was decided to divide the total according to the regular percentages, which would cover the projects and give the Conference and the Boards each an extra amount. The State Conference received $110.78 more than enough to cover its two projects. There was $60.69 for the American Board above the $400.00. The Home Board received $189.76 additional, and for the first time the Council for Social Action was included and that in the amount of $62.82. Following is a church-by-church list of the amounts received from the Federation women for the past two years for purposes of comparison. These items are not credited to apportionment giving of the churches and do not apply toward goals, but the total is in the item marked "miscellaneous and individual gifts" and is included in the state apportionment.

	1942	1941
Alameda	$ 66.70	$ 55.00
Angels Camp	11.79	9.15
Antioch	34.35	28.35
Auburn	4.00	1.91
Benicia	52.51	28.74
Berkeley—First	124.64	129.94
North	50.23	37.50
Campbell	14.00	14.35
Cedarville	———	5.00
Cloverdale	8.75	5.00
Cotati	21.00	18.31
Eureka	62.70	45.00
Ferndale	13.75	17.55
Fresno, First	55.05	70.75
Hayward	30.00	30.00
Lodi, First	64.26	45.87
Loomis	15.58	5.00
Martinez	25.00	27.28
Murphys	5.00	5.00
Oakland—Beth. Armenian	———	10.00
First	262.99	251.11
Fruitvale	22.96	14.65
Pilgrim	13.76	11.50
Plymouth	60.32	62.09
Oroville	21.00	15.00
Pacific Grove	50.00	35.00
Palo Alto	171.05	105.35
Paradise	21.39	31.87
Penngrove	13.00	13.50
Petaluma	47.50	50.00
Fittsburg	26.61	21.23
Porterville	15.08	13.80
Redwood City	29.45	35.00
Rio Vista	28.03	21.36
Ripon	41.50	34.54
Sacramento	26.11	34.71
Salida	6.00	6.00
San Carlos	12.45	8.50
San Francisco—		
Bethany Mission Park	38.03	34.50
Calvary Armenian	4.11	4.50
First	141.45	117.16
Richmond	———	3.25
San Jose	50.00	65.00
San Leandro	35.00	37.57
San Mateo	90.00	90.21
Santa Cruz	44.11	51.21
Santa Rosa	5.00	5.00
Saratoga	34.06	34.61
Sebastopol	6.66	11.50
Sonoma	15.00	12.00
Stockton	30.31	35.00
Sunnyvale	5.15	8.00
Tulare	33.25	29.00
Weaverville	11.30	17.00
Woodside	21.11	20.00
Individual	1.00	———
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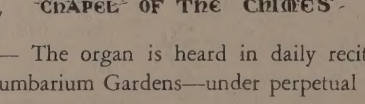

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